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# Office of Public Instruction

## 🍏 Gifted and Talented State Grant Program 🍏

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The Gifted and Talented State Grant program provides limited support for gifted and talented services in public schools. Currently, 7% or 10,335 of Montana's 148,356 students have been identified as gifted and talented. Since 1996, the biennial appropriation has been \$300,000. All Montana school districts are eligible to apply for funds, which are then distributed among successful applicants. Functions of the program include:

- 🍏 Evaluates annually approximately 100 applications from school districts for Gifted and Talented grants, distributing and monitoring schools awarded;
- 🍏 Hosts training for teachers and administrators in using the best education practice for meeting state standards for Gifted and Talented Programs;
- 🍏 Collects information on the numbers of Montana students identified as gifted and talented at every grade level to better serve students; and
- 🍏 Works cooperatively with the Montana Association of Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE) to maximize limited resources available for gifted and talented programs.